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MEDIA ADVISORY

'The Voice' singer on deck for Tyler Veterans Parade

Community invited to Veterans Day celebration for cookout, cake, singing

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TYLER, Texas — A parade will honor the heroes at the Watkins-Logan Texas State Veteran Home on Tuesday.

The Veterans Day Celebration, Parade, and Cookout is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home, 11466 Honor Lane, Tyler. The event is free and open to the public.

The home's staff and the community will be celebrating all Veterans by holding the first soon-to-be-annual Veterans Day Parade along with a grand cookout immediately following, sponsored and hosted by Brookshire's Grocery.

The parade route will run through the neighborhood on Honor Lane. Special guests include Stevie Jo Rosenbalm from "The Voice," Season 6.

There will be a custom-made tiered cake and goodies provided by Adalante Catering Co. in Tyler.

Students from UT Tyler will be joining in for the festivities. Parade entries so far include: ALERT Academy Cadets, Tyler Junior College Apache Bells and Twirlers, Winona Volunteer Fire Department, Green Acres Military Group, American Red Cross Bicycle Troup, VFW Post 7122 Ladies Auxiliary, Ebenezer Day Care children, Bell Elementary School, Tyler Model A Ford Club, "Bucky the Clown," Heart to Heart Hospice and Compass Hospice, Kingdom Riders Motorcycle Group, Cross Spoke Riders, and Tyler Chapter of Christian Motorcycle Association.

Immediately following the parade, Brookshire's Grocery will be sponsoring and hosting an old fashioned hamburger cookout on the grounds, with all the fixins' and for everyone in attendance. Live music will be performed throughout the cookout.

"We are hoping for a good turnout and to make this an annual event," said Donna Huffman, representative for the Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home.

Texas State Veterans Homes are where honor lives. The Watkins-Logan home is named for two Medal of Honor recipients – Travis Earl Watkins and James Marion Logan. Watkins, a master sergeant, served in the U.S. Army, Company H, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for

action near Yongsan, Korea in 1950. He was awarded the Bronze Star during World War II for action during the Guadalcanal campaign. His home of record and burial is Gladewater, Texas.

Logan, a technical sergeant, served in the Army, 36th Infantry Division. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for action on September 9, 1943 in the vicinity of Salerno, Italy. In addition to receiving the Distinguished Service Cross he was the first living recipient to receive the Texas Medal of Honor. Logan lived in Kilgore prior to his death in 1999 and is buried at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

For more information contact the Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home at (903)617-6498.

WHO: Texas Veterans and their loved ones

WHAT: Veterans Day parade and cookout

WHERE: Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home, 11466 Honor Lane, Tyler

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)

WHY: To honor all Texas Veterans for their service

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